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RE Consultation with Colville Confederated Tribes

Dear Mr Findley,

The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Indian Reservation (Tribes) requests a meeting with you to discuss Upper Columbia River/Lake Roosevelt clean-up issues

As you may recall, the Tribes petitioned EPA in 1999 to investigate several sites including the Upper Columbia River/Lake Roosevelt because of known contamination from historical mining industry pollution in the US and in Canada. Since then, EPA has conducted the Preliminary Assessment and has recommended further Site Investigation

We are working closely with the EPA Clean-up Office and recently met with Mike Gearheard discussing possible approaches for the Lake Roosevelt Site Investigation. We all recognize challenges with dealing with this site because of its size and the other complicating factors. It is our hope that you are fully briefed on this issue from the Tribes view as this may rapidly come before headquarters

We are tentatively on your calendar March 27 from 2:30-4:00 PM. It is our understanding that Elaine Davies from headquarters will be in Seattle on March 27 and feel it would be appropriate if she could set in on our meeting. DR Michel, the Chairman of our Natural Resources Committee will be in attendance and possibly other Tribal Council representatives. In attendance will also be our technical staff and special environmental counsel

The primary focus of this meeting is to discuss Lake Roosevelt, but we would like to take this opportunity to speak with you on other important environmental program matters and progress as well as hear from you your insight on the new administration and its impact to the region

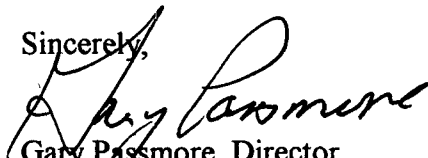
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Thank you again for your time and concern,

Sincerely,



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